

<b>UAF North Campus Subcommittee Agenda</b>  December 8, 2003; 12 p.m. (noon) Facilities Services Conference Room, RM 122	No agenda available
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### **UAF North Campus Subcommittee Meeting**

December 8, 2003

Notes

**Attending:** Carol Adamczak, Rich Boone, Mike Hay, Pat Holloway, Stan Justice, Tim Stallard, Cynthia Steiner

Approved with amendments minutes of 11\24\03 meeting.

Update on Parking & Circulation Plan, the Tanana Loop Extension and their impacts on the North Campus Area (NCA)

- The memo that was sent to the Master Planning Committee (MPC) has had an effect. The concerns of the North Campus Subcommittee (NCS) need to be addressed by the MPC.
- The MPC cannot change the Parking & Circulation Plan from where it currently stands.
- If Biological Research Reserve (BRR) facilities are moved there are considerations with regards to animal research.
- MPC has had discussions regarding some of the Tanana Loop Extension impacts on education, research, and trails.
- Pat has compiled an objective list of the impacts of the Loop Road.
- Some comments on mitigation of trail impacts:
  - New trails need to be aesthetically appealing

- A commuter trail could be adjacent to the road, however ski\foot trails should be offset and separated from the road by a visual barrier.
- The trails are *multi-use* trails, not just recreational.

The North Campus Plan (NCP) is being reformatted by Pat and Pete.

- The Acknowledgements section should be added to by the NCS.
- The NCP is supposed to last for 10 years. It will be a large document, because it is the first and a baseline document.
- As few sections as possible should be put in an appendix, because appendices don't get read.
- The NCA has been multi-use for its entire history, and this should be emphasized in the history section.
- The extensive literature review that Pat has produced will remain in the NCP, and will reside in the appendix. Eventually, all references will belong to the North Campus Manager.
- The Introduction includes a description of the connection between the NCP and the Master Plan.
- A Goals and Action Plan section has been formatted to match the Master Plan.
- A more complete list of what user groups were interviewed is needed.
- Pat's research into current agreements in the NCA has uncovered some interesting aspects of Ballaine Lake.
  - One of the MOUs for Ballaine Parking Area maintenance and clean-up were with the Alumni Association, however responsibility has been turned over to Facility Services.
  - Alaska Department of Fish and Wildlife began stocking the lake originally because it was a "dead" lake, no fish could winter over due to insufficient dissolved oxygen in the water. At some point that changed and now fish are living in the lake year-round.
- General discussion on formatting details:
  - Hardcopy form of NCP will probably be portrait, not landscape.
  - There will be photos, maps and copies of the seven posters added later. They require lots of bytes of storage, so they are not yet being added.

- There are various binding options, all with advantages and disadvantages: spiral, comb, and 3-ring were mentioned.
- Wordsmithing has not yet happened, but it will.
  
- There should be some discussion on ADA accessibility to the NCA. It should be addressed in the NCP.
  - The National Park Service addresses this by offering a variety of trails with different levels of accessibility.
  - The Troth Yeddha Park is proposed to be ADA accessible.
  - A trails consultant would provide good guidance on the level of accessibility for different difficulties of trails.
  
- Other components that should be addressed in the NCP are monetary donations by groups, and the use volunteers for work projects.
  - The Development Office has rules and regulations concerning donations to the University. The NCP should defer to these guidelines.
  - Georgeson Botanical Garden has a set program for orienting volunteers for work projects, so they are a source of information on how to succeed at this.
  - The Nordic Ski Club might have records of how many hours have been volunteered so far for trail work.
  
- More details should be added to the signage section of the NCP.